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Thu 0000 WBCQ 18910-CLSB
Fri 2130 WWCR 15825

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** AFGHANISTAN [non]. 15095 ?? Radio Solh new winter frequency? noted at 12-15 UT (Wolfgang B schel, visiting Algarve coast, Portugal, Oct 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No, it's on 15265 as usual in B-season, from Rampisham, but guess what --- there is another Ramp transmitter during that entire span and

beyond on 15180 halfway between, so a leapfrog mixing product. This is scheduled in Arabic from 09 to 16; however, when I listened Nov 1 at 1414 to 15180 it did not sound like Arabic to me; with ``BBC --- Extra`` jingle (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. I tuned in yesterday to the English broadcasts and the reception was as follows:

1945 UT 7465 kHz SINPO 45444 Very strong and clear signal - no interference

1945 UT 6130 kHz SINPO 31441 Reception unusable. Severe interference from Russia on 6130 kHz. This frequency needs to be changed.

Suggestions are:

Best choice: 5865 kHz (5860/5865/5870 kHz are clear) Second choice: 5895 kHz (5890 clear/Bulgaria 5900 kHz)

Third choice: 6135 kHz (will not be very good - due to Russia on

6130, but is the best in-band frequency I can find)

Fourth choice: 6050 kHz (but Turkey on 6055)

2100 UT 7530 kHz SINPO 44444 Very strong - very slight interference from weak Chinese jammer on 7535 kHz, but this is no problem. I shall listen for the other frequencies tonight and let you know if I find further problems. Best regards from a still warm (but getting colder) Isle of Wight (Alan Holder, Isle of Wight, Oct 31, via Drita «iÁo, R. Tirana, DXLD)

7105, Albanian, 55555 in the morning, best for foreign Albanian workers and marines in Spain and Portugal.

English: 6130 kHz, the very first day! It doesn't work !!!! SINPO 11111 in southern Europe like Spain Andalusia and Portugal!

7465 at 1950 very fine, 54444. rather 7464.99 kHz, some 10 to 20 Hertz less today. 6130 has severe cochannel of VOR Moscow in French, and also severe TWR Manzini Swaziland co-channel, but some 60 Hertz less on 6129.94 kHz and a severe hum audio signal too. I would monitor 6130 the following days, but if there is such a very bad co-channel situation, I would change to

1st 6170

2nd 6180

3rd 6050

4th 6135 kHz channels as choice.

5910 kHz at 1900 R Tirana in SerboCroatian language, Kosovo referendum, Sinpo 43333, S=9 `10 dB in Portugal.

Neighbours, 5905 RFI Paris in Russian, and Radio Rossii in Russian

too, 5915 kHz R Slovakia International poor in Southern Europe.

6035 kHz at 2001 UT Italian service, Berisha University Tirana, stradas in Tirana to refurbish. Sinpo 33333 (Wolfgang B schel, visiting Algarve coast, Portugal, Oct 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Drita, I listened to most evening services but due to being distracted by a phone call I forgot to listen to Italian at 2000; must do better! However here is what I heard:

Serbian 1900-1915 -- There was a co-channel station much weaker than Shijak - I assume the registered Russian to the Middle East - and Tirana was on top of this throughout. There was sideband interference from two Russian language transmissions on 5905. One was via Russia and I read that Wolfy identified the other as France. And Slovakia was using 5915 for German. Signal strength from Shijak was generally good, peaking 10dB over S9 on my meter. In SINPO I would rate reception as 43533. It is VERY difficult to evaluate how this signal is being received inside Serbia at this range - possibly Shijak is sufficiently strong to overcome most interference. Do you have any contacts in the area who you could ask?

English 1945-2000 --- This was heard at excellent strength and clear of all interference on 7465 (no adjacent transmissions heard on 7460 or 7470 either). In SINPO 55544. Audio quality still leaves MUCH to be desired though. And as Wolfy reports - 6130 was more or less covered by Voice of Russia in French. I assume this was a late registration by them as it didn't appear when I suggested it. Wolfy's suggestions are noted (1st 6170, 2nd 6180, 3rd 6050, 4th 6135 kHz) and will be monitored. At my location I thought that 6135 would work best, but we will see.

French 2001-2030 7465 --- Super reception as for English - 55544.

German 2030-2100 7465 --- Signal strength not quite as good as when using the 310deg beam. In SINPO 4+5544

English 2100-2130 7530 --- The engineers were late switching off 7465 and transmission had started when 7530 finally appeared c2101:30. Signal strength again very good and SINPO 55544. There was no interference at all, and no trace of the registered Icelandic service.

Albanian at 2155 tune in on 6110 --- I found a good dominant signal : SINPO 4+5+534 but with a buzz in the audio. At 2235 tune in on 6110 I found the same - good and dominant at 4+5+534 and now audio quality was better. Sideband interference came from 6115 - Romania at 2130-2157 and NHK (Japan) via Skelton (UK) at 2200-2300. Hopefully this transmission is being received as well elsewhere. More reports will

follow. Greetings from a cold and windy Blackpool (Noel Green, UK, via Drita, DXLD)

I tried it tonight with German: Taken aside the extremely poor quality of the theme music tapes there appeared to be a bit more distortion than there used to be on both mediumwave and shortwave, but this was difficult to tell due to very poor reception. 1458 (1901- 1930) was severely disturbed and at times even literally drowned out by cochannel Brookmans Parks (Sunrise Radio), something I never noted to such an extend as tonight before. And 7465 2030-2100 was extremely weak here, way too noisy for regular listening. At the same time the nearby signals from Greece on 7450 and 7475 were booming in.

Of course the difference of ca. 1600 vs. ca. 1200 km could be decisive about skipping or not skipping here, but at the same time the Santa Maria di Galeria transmitter of Radio Vatican, located even a bit closer to me, came in with a decent signal on 7250, so I doubt that it is entirely a matter of propagation (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 31, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11/1/06: Radio Tirana; 0125, 7425 was inaudible. There was a carrier present, but that's all. No audio.

0130≠0140 UT the following stations were: not audible (but with weak carriers); 7205 - Radio Rep blica (thought to be from Rampisham, UK), 7125 - Russian International Radio (Grigoriopol, MDA), WBCQ 7415 (Montecello, Maine, USA)

Barely audible on USB - tweaked out - CHU 7335 (Ottawa, CANADA). If CHU isn't going through in this part of the world, the band isn't open. VoA in Special English started on 7405 at 0130 (Greenville I'm guessing but I might be wrong.) That was the only station really making it through on 49 meters here. Not a good evening for 49 Meters at this time (Mark Taylor, Madison, WI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Just heard the English broadcast of Radio Tirana on 7530 at 2100 UT Oct. 31, very good signal here in Montreal, modulation was actually very good today; it does happen sometimes that it is bad or too low. But today was very good with news and mailbox program at 2110 UT.

Just heard the 0245-0300 UT Nov 1st, broadcast of radio Tirana with excellent modulation. Signal was very good on 6115 but weak on 7465.

Just tried the 0330-0400 UT Radio Tirana broadcast in English UT Nov. 1st. Again good modulation, very easy to understand. 6115 was very good here, but 7465 barely audible (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Canada, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Without delaying a minute Radio Tirana sign-on in English at 0245 on 7465, with strong to fair signal with some fading and little splatter from the Voice of Greece on 10 kHz up the band. // 6115 was weaker but with a more steady signal. Just a 13 minute broadcast, off by 0258. Sound quality was terrible, with a distortion not far from that one of WWCR #3, which give us a sense of overmodulation (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, UT Nov 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I have a hard time monitoring in the evening with all the noise sources going in the household, but Nov 1 at 0340 I tried for R. Tirana in the yard with the ATS-909 portable. 7465 had a barely detectable carrier; 6115 had some audio, but unintelligible between stronger signals on 6110 (strongest), BBC Spanish via WHRI, and 6120 in Swahili, which would be Channel Africa. There may also have been some co-channel on 6115, Peru? q.v. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Solar-terrestrial indices for 31 October follow. Solar flux 80 and mid-latitude A-index 5. The mid-latitude K-index at 0300 UTC on 01 November was 1 (09 nT). No space weather storms were observed for the past 24 hours. No space weather storms are expected for the next 24 hours (SEC via DXLD)

Glenn: Hearing Tirana quite well on 6115 carrying a +20 signal on the E1 at 0347 UT Nov 1. Speech and music quality is considerably above what it's been in the past. I would SINPO rate the signal as 54444. There is some QRM from 6110 which necessitates use of the sync detector in the usb position and the 4 kHz filter to minimize the QRM. 7465 doesn't do quite as well but with an S9+ signal and SINPO 44344 (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, E1, A/D Sloper, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGUILLA [and non]. DGS missing from 11775, Nov 1 at 1418 allowing some Asian music to be heard. Looks like that would be AIR Nepali service from Goa at 1330-1430 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. RA never got around to posting their A-06 frequency schedule; the last one on the website was dated Oct 2005, but now there is one labeled Oct 2006! (gh)

RADIO AUSTRALIA ENGLISH

ASIA

0000 0130 17775 16

0030 0400 15415 19

0200 0500 21725 13

0430 0500 15415 19

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0630 1100 15415 19
*1100 1300 9475 31
 1400 1800 6080 49
*1430 1900 9475 31
 1430 1700 11660 25
*1900 2200 9500 31
 2100 2200 11695 25
 2200 2330 15240 19
 2200 0000 13620 25
 2330 0000 15415 19
 2330 0900 17750 16
*Sometimes heard in Europe
WEST PACIFIC
 1800 2000 7240 41
 1800 2000 6080 49
^2000 2100 6080 49
^2000 2100 7240 41
 2000 2200 11650 25
 2100 2200 9660 31
 2200 0000 15230 19
 2300 0700 13670 22
 2300 0800 9660 31
 0000 0800 15240 19
 0000 0200 17715 16
 0200 0500 21725 13
 0700 0900 9710 31
 0800 0900 5995 49
 0800 1400 9580 31
 1100 1400 6020 49
 1100 1400 9560 31
 1100 1400 5995 49
 1400 1800 5995 49
 1600 2000 9710 31
^Saturday and Sunday only
(via Mark Coady, ODXA yg via DXLD)
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** BHUTAN. 6035, 21+22/10 0005-0015, BHUTAN RADIO, MONKS CHOIRS NON STOP. POOR/GOOD (Giampiero Bernardini, Bocca di Magra DX nights with Dario Monferini, La Spezia, Liguria, North Italy, AOR 7030, RF Space SDR-14, CiaoRadio H101, Ant: Wellbrook LFL 1010, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1334, DXLD)

They used to sign on at 0100. The earlier start should be propagationally useful westward, and possibly of help by grayline to NAm, if the frequency is clear, which it probably is not (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1334, DXLD)

6035.00, 0022 24-10-06, Bhutan Broadcasting Service, Thimphu - prayers X [unknown language] 24333 65 (Guido Schotmans, with Cornel, Denmark, beverage DXpedition site; see VIETNAM, BDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1334, DXLD) 65 = antenna bearing used

** BURKINA FASO. 7230, RTV RTB Ouagadoudou, Vernacular, religious chorus on Sunday morning 0818, 25332 (Wolfgang B_sschel, visiting Portugal, Oct 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BURQUINA FASO, 5030, Radio Burquina Faso, 2105-2110, escuchada el 31 de Octubre en francÈs a locutora con entrevista telefÛnica a invitado; chequeada minutos antes no se apreciaba seÒal, SINPO 34343 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia) EspaÒa, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Up-date on CFVP / CKMX --- The current address is: Classic Country AM 1060
Suite 300, 1110 Center St. N.
Calgary, Alberta
T2E 2R2

403-240-5816 --- Calling the station was able to talk to Mr. Ken Rigel Program Director / Music Director/ Morning Show Host. He was not even aware that CKMX was even on short wave. So, I proceed to explain to him a brief history of their short wave outlet. I asked about their verification policy, but again, he was not aware on what it was, and I should address this with their Chief Engineer. But he was able to forward my concerns to their Chief Engineer Mr. Ken Pasolli, also the engineer for cjay92. I have sent a e-mail inquiry to Mr. Ken Pasoli, and waiting for a reply to several questions, which hope he can answer. Till then I will wait (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, CANADA, Nov 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA [non]. Re 6-162: ``Looking thru the RCI B-06 technical schedule, I spot something very strange for the 0100-0157 English broadcast:

7 DAYS HBY 5840 350 283 HR 4/4/0.5 39-41 7 DAYS NAU 5970 250 90 HR 4/4/0.5 40,41

A 283 degree beam, N of westward, at this hour of the night, when the targets are CIRAF zones 39-41, i.e. from Turkey to Bangladesh?? Supposed to be 83 degrees, maybe?``

That puzzled me also; here's what I propose: 283 minus 180 equals 103 degrees -- a short path toward South Asia from Sweden (Ricky Leong, Calgary, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

How about 95 degrees with 15 degree slew? The 283 azimuth should belong to 9635, 1500-1600 via Kunming which I guess is another new ALLISS farm like Kashi, or is it a Continental-designed plant instead? Anyway it is likely a major source of Firedrake towards Tibet on such azimuths, and it would be certainly fun if one day they mix up something on their audio matrix, put Firedrake on the RCI frequency and RCI on the jamming outlets (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Altho on Monday Oct 30, RCI's morning broadcast still carried the doomed CBC programs, The Current and Sounds Like Canada, on Tuesday Oct 31, RCI's new production, The Link, was actually aired on 9515, 13655 and 17820. Tuned in at 1409 to hear an RCI-produced program with Lynn DesJardins, about a Kurdish-Canadian accused of involvement with the 'terrorist' PKK organization. At 1420 another feature about immigrant entrepreneurs. This is clearly The Link part I, intended for domestic consumption. At 1450 there was a This Day in History feature, Jim Craig talking with Marc Montgomery about the Quèbec separatist referendum, which barely failed in the 1990s. (TDIH on any station is a sure way to fill time without having to come up with original material.)

At 1500 Marc welcomed shortwave listeners to The Link, Part II, as he mistakenly believes part I is not on SW, according to the original publicity for the project. Took about two minutes to tease the remainder of the hour, and RCI-produced news ran from 1502 to 1507. Altho it had some actualities, somehow it doesn't match the standard we are used to from CBC news. A topic coming up: could there be riots here in Canada like there were in France one year ago (another calendar-driven idea); but then first into global warming discussion.

I suppose CBCNQ 9625 had Sounds Like Canada after 1500, but reception was very poor. Earlier at 1410 they were in Inuktituk as usual, and guess what --- for the second day in a row, altho I e-mailed Sackville master control yesterday about it, 15240 again carried CBCNQ instead of R. Sweden in English, when checked at 1433. I also had checked 15240 in the previous half-hour and then it was R. Sweden, in Swedish. Something must be misprogrammed in the automation requiring a human override once they get around to it. Meanwhile, R. Sweden's English SW listeners in central and western NAm are out of luck (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1334, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

As much as I'm happy to see RCI survive, I am disappointed at the decision to air Link in place of domestic CBC shows. I've never cared for Marc Montgomery's hosting style -- to me he often sounds amateurish. And the RCI newscast that aired today at 1500 UTC was delivered by an incredibly bored-sounding female with no inflection or enthusiasm. So dreary (Mike Cooper, Atlanta, Oct 31, Swprograms

mailing list via DXLD)

Yes, I heard that news too, and noted her name, Donna Matthews in Montreal. Well, on the contrary, Marc is able to feign enthusiasm very well, or maybe it's not feigned? I sent this to Marc directly, or rather to the address he announced, thelink @rcinet.ca ---

Hi Marc, Listened to part of the Link Tuesday morning. I`m glad you still have work, but I must say I liked the old programming arrangement better. You are obviously a trooper.

I hate to break it to you, but Link part I IS ON SHORTWAVE, twice according to the schedule at http://www.rcinet.ca/rci/PDF/B06_SW.pdf so it`s nonsensical to welcome SWLs to the Link starting the second hour. Part I is at 14 UT, on 9515, 13655 and 17820, as I just heard it, and also at 00 UT, on 9755, both to North America.

Now, if RCI would take those off SW and give us back The Current and As It Happens, that would be fine with me.

I also wanted to hear your interview about the new setup, which is still linked on the RCI website, but it appears as of Tuesday morning it is not among the available audio files on Viva. Is it still reachable somehow?

Also, altho Viva indicates there were Links dated Monday, RCI in the morning still ran Current and SLC, one last time, giving us false hope. Neither Link was on SW that day, at least in the morning.

I should explain that I am not against all the original programming RCI can muster. But with all those transmitters at Sackville, at least one or two should be dedicated to a full relay of CBC Radio One. Good luck, Glenn Hauser, Enid OK (to Marc Montgomery, via DXLD)

HI Glen[n], holy mackerel, Pt 1 is on shortwave? Boy, several of us have been misinformed then. I guess it's all part of teething problems of a MAJOR reorganization of not only programming, but also how we all work --- and work together. Thanks for the heads up though. Maybe it's on shortwave to some areas but not all? One of the engineer types said it's all going all over in one form or another, what with partner stations and other platforms picking up the first half hour only, or the first half hour of the second hour --- phew, all very confusing!

Still we're covering some very interesting stories and a wide variety. It'll take awhile to get "broken in", so to speak.

I too am very surprised about the website and what audio goes on there. The new show is taking up 100% of our current resources. I don't think for now we can break down the story segments, a darn good idea you have though --- but I just don't see that happening (we have one IT guy for all the sections). BTW, unfortunately I have no say at all (nada- zippedooda-nichts!!) in what shows go on our transmitters;-) thanks Monty (Marc Montgomery, RCI, to gh, via DXLD)

I agree -- although history programming can be interesting if there are interviews with eyewitnesses / scholars that discuss the impact or consequences of the event, or take a global event and describe unique regional / country-specific consequences. I remember a YLE series on WWII in the late 1980s (I think) that was interesting because of the specific Finnish view. A glaring example of a badly-done TDIH was a Voice of Russia series on historical world events a couple years back -- I don't think it's on the current schedule. It sounded like someone reading out of an encyclopedia, and the grammar appeared to be at a 4th grade / 5th grade level. Furthermore, the day I had the misfortune to catch the program it was about Argentina's Eva Perûn -- the program wasn't even about Russian history (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, swprograms via DXLD)

This was in last night's "RCI Cyberjournal"...

RCI VIVA: The new Radio Canada International web Service

Now more than ever, Radio Canada International is emerging as a multicultural, multilingual and multimedia broadcaster. On the heels of its first foray a year ago into satellite radio with the channel RCI plus on SIRIUS Canada, RCI is set to put online next Monday, a new, never-before-seen Web service for new immigrants to Canada.

Designed to address issues commonly faced by those who have immigrated or are looking to immigrate to Canada, the service will air programming in English and French, as well as Arabic, Mandarin, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian and Ukrainian. Content will include social context and arts & entertainment stories to help immigrants discover their new home; handy tips to help them fit in and do what they need to do; capsules to help them hone their skills in the two official languages; and discussion boards to share their experiences, so they can be heard and get involved in their newly adopted community. Free of charge 24-7, this tailored orientation program will be available via podcast and streaming audio at http://www.RCInet.ca because the Internet is fast becoming an excellent way to reach new arrivals.

This Canada-wide radio presence adds a new component to the mandate of RCI, which has been broadcasting Canadian content to the world since 1945 and will continue to do so well into the future (via Rich Cuff, swprograms via DXLD)

Actually, this would appear to be a good thing. For one, it draws some attention domestically to the national publicly supported network's international service. When questions about funding have been raised in the past, there was no significant domestic constituency to support the service. For another, greater visibility may result in more interest in the service's mission and how it operates. It would have been nice to have that constituency for the VOA. (This also explains why RCI Plus is on Sirius Satellite Radio. It's part of the newly designed mission for RCI.) (John Figliozzi, ibid.)

Updating... Looks like this website is already live. If you click on "English" on the main RCI website, you see the new "RCI Viva" logo. Click on the triangle, you launch a new audio player window, listing a series of programs. Audio for "The Link" (both hours) is there. The navigation route via "programs" | "The Link" | "Latest Program" does not (yet) work (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA, swprograms via DXLD)

One major side-effect of this new Viva service is the elimination of webstreams for RCI's Hotbird services. In fact, from the Viva window, the Listen Live tab will give you only CBC Radio One and the Radio-Canada equivalent as choices (Ricky Leong, Calgary, ibid.)

However, the RCI-1 audio streams still work if you go to them directly at http://www.rcinet.ca/rci/includes/rciEn.asx and http://www.rcinet.ca/rci/includes/live_en.ram I confirmed them both with Sounds Like Canada before and after 1730 UT You can also access them from Public Radio Fan: http://www.publicradiofan.com/cgi-bin/station.pl?stationid=3940

CBCNQ, 9625, Nov 1 at 1405, ``one moment please`` and fill with jazzy piano music (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CZECH REPUBLIC; SWEDEN

** CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. R. Centrafricaine logged tentatively on 7220 in French & vernacular on Oct 31. Frequency is clear after co/channel RL off 0600 and noted from 0617 to approx 0630 fade out. Nothing there when I checked Nov 01. Did anyone else possibly hear this? (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Martien, RFI is scheduled on 7220 at 0600-0630 in Hausa (from Issoudun), so I fear this is what you had. 73, Glenn (via DXLD)

** CHILE. The Communist CRI relays via Christian CVC have not (yet?) moved to 15540 for B-06 as expected; instead, CRI English at 1428 Nov 1 was still on 17625, // 15230 via Canada but not synchronized (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO DR. R. Kahuzi: Heard October 29 as late as 2200 UT on 6209,66 kHz. In an email QSL they told me that they will be running overtime also today October 30 (Gert Nilsson, ÷rnsk^ldsvik, Sweden, R71+R75 + beverages, dxing.info via WORLD OF RADIO 1334, DXLD)

I checked 30th couple of times during the evening but no sign of them. I guess neither today (Jari Savolainen, Finland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CROATIA [and non]. Hello All, Voice of Croatia sent me their B06 sked. It is in [target area] local time instead of UTC, so watch that for areas covering more than one time zone (Dan Malloy, KA1RDZ, Everett, MA, ODXA via DXLD) And do they take into account DST? Viz.:

WINTER FREQUENCIES (29.10.06) --- This is the Voice of Croatia, the very best of Croatian Radio, serving Croatians abroad, Croatia's minority groups, and the international community. The Voice of Croatia is broadcast via satellite 24 hours a day. For Europe South Africa and the Middle East on the HOTBIRD 6 Satellite at 13 degrees East.

For North America, on the TELESTAR 5 Satellite, at 97 degrees West. For central and South America on the NSS806 Satellite at 40 point 5 degrees West. For Australia and New Zealand, on the Optus B3 Satellite, at 152 degrees East.

On medium wave for Europe at the following frequencies: 774, 783, 1125, 1134, and 1143 kilohertz.

On Shortwave [these are all relays via GERMANY, they don't say]

For South America from 8 PM to 1 AM local time at 7285 kilohertz. For North America, East Coast, from 7 PM to 11 PM local time at 7285. For North America, West Coast, from 6PM to 10PM local time, 7285. For New Zealand, from 6 PM to 9 PM local time at 9470 kilohertz. And for Australia, from 5 PM to 9 PM local time, at 11690 kilohertz.

The Voice of Croatia is also available via the internet at http://www.hrt.hr (via Dan Malloy, KA1RDZ, Oct 30, ODXA via DXLD)

** CZECH REPUBLIC [non]. Winter B-06 schedule of Radio Prague: CZECH 0030-0057 5930 7345

 0230-0257
 6200
 7345

 0330-0357
 6200
 7345

 0930-0957
 11600
 21745

 1030-1057
 15710
 21745

 1200-1227
 11640
 17545

 1330-1357
 6055
 7345

 1430-1457
 11600
 13580

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5930 15710
        1630-1657
        1830-1857
                     5930
                           9400
        2030-2057
                     5930
                           9430
        2200-2227
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                           9435
ENGLISH 0100-0127
                     6200
                           7345
        0200-0227
                     6200
                           7345
        0400-0427
                     6200
                           7345
        0400-0427
                     5990 SAC
        0430-0457
                     9890
        0800-0827
                     7345
                           9860
                     9955 RMI
        1000-1027
        1000-1027
                    15710 21745
        1130-1157
                    11640 17545
        1400-1427
                     9750 RMP, Fri only
                     6065 RMP, Sat only
        1330-1357
                    11600 13580
        1400-1427
        1500-1527
                     7385 RMI
                    15160 SAC
        1500-1527
                     5930 15710
        1700-1727
        1800-1827
                     5930
                           9400
        2100-2127
                     5930
                           9430
                     5930
        2230-2257
                           9435
        2330-2357
                     5930
                           7345
GERMAN
        0730-0757
                     5930
                           7345
        1100-1127
                     6055
                           9880
        1300-1327
                     6055
                           7345
        1330-1357
                     9750 RMP, Fri only
                     6065 RMP, Sat only
        1300-1327
        1600-1627
                     5930
        1730-1757
                     5940 ARM
FRENCH
        0700-0727
                     5930 7345
                     9860 11600
        0830-0857
                     5930 15710
        1730-1757
        1930-1957
                     5930
                          9430
                     5930
        2300-2327
                           7345
RUSSIAN 0500-0527
                     6055 9890
        1230-1257
                     6055 17545
        1530-1557
                     5930 9450
        1900-1927
                     5830 DB
SPANISH 0000-0027
                     5930
                           7345
                    11665 ASC
        0000-0027
        0130-0157
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        0530-0557
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        0900-0927
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2000-2027 5930 9430 2130-2157 5930 9435 2330-2357 6000 SAC

ARM=Armavir ASC=Ascension DB =Dushanbe RMI=WRMI
RMP=Rampisham (in DRM mode) SAC=Sackville
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Oct 31 via WORLD OF RADIO 1334, DXLD)

Above includes the Sackville relays, unlike RP's own webpage (gh)

** CZECH REPUBLIC [non]. Now that R. Sweden is airing properly via Sackville at 1430 on 15240, it's time for a new mixup: Nov 1 at 1500, R. Prague relay in English opened as usual on 15160, but at 1501:30 suddenly switched to Chinese! Found this to be parallel, but a few syllables behind, CRI relay on 13675; still Chinese at 1520 recheck (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks, Glen[n], for that report. As a long-standing observer of various SW transmission glitches you will probably agree with me that these are more frequent during the periods of seasonal transitions. I will pass this on to my relay services colleagues. It s good to hear that the 15160 kHz channel is apparently in the clear. 73! (Oldrich Cip, R. Prague, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA. 7100 & 7175. Voice of the Broad Masses, around 0357, 10/24/06. Checked both frequencies 7100 was open, 7175 was QRMed, but the QRMing station left the air shortly before 0400, leaving it clear as well. Both channels could then be heard playing the VOBME IS, and both opened at 0400 but with different programming. Poor signals, but 7175 was slightly better than 7100 (Jerry Berg, MA, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. v9704.18, 1730, Gedja, Vernacular radio play. 33333 (Wolfgang B schel, visiting Algarve coast, Portugal, Oct 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE [and non]. Oct 31 during the 1400 hour checked the listed frequencies in 6-162, for RFI in English: nothing audible on 7180 or 9580, but neglected to check 15615.

Checking for English at 1400 from RFI, Nov 1, no signal at all on supposed frequency 15615, nor on 7180, 9580, as on their English webpage (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE. FRENCH RADIO HALTS BROADCASTING IN TURKISH

By Ali Ihsan Aydin October 28, 2006

http://www.zaman.com/?bl=international&alt=&trh=20061028&hn=37719

Radio France International (RFI) has cut Turkish broadcasts, which

have been on the air for 35 years, on grounds of financial difficulties. The radio station, which broadcasts in 19 languages, cut only its broadcasts in Turkish.

Ugur Hukum, coordinator of Turkish broadcasts at the RFI, called the decision an example of France's imprudence and added, "This move confirms that France has never viewed Turkey and Turkish as a strategic partner."

However, Hukum said the decision to halt Turkish broadcasts had nothing to do with the Armenian genocide bill, adding that it had been planned long before the bill was passed.

Dutch and Swedish radios had also cut their Turkish broadcasts.

The radio management announced the end of Turkish broadcasts was a part of financially-triggered reform program, but they decided to continue broadcasting in Lagos [sic], Bulgarian, Albanian, Vietnamese and Serbian.

The broadcasts in Turkish will be replaced with a website to inform the public on Turkey-EU relations. Hukum said they had suggested to the radio management a project called "Paris's Europe Agenda."

The RFI had broadcast Turkish programs once a week since 1971. RFI Turkish broadcasts were set up to inform Turkish emigrants to France. The radio broadcasts in Parisian neighborhood and is available worldwide on the Internet.

The RFI Turkish broadcasts lost much of their audience when Turkish TV channels started broadcasting in Europe (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** GABON. ANO harmonic 2 x 9580 = 19160, barely audible with bits of talk in presumed French, Nov 1 at 1423 and 1536, despite VG signal from another fundamental 17630 which at 1533 was in open carrier, 1533:25 cut on audio in French. 17630 had been absent when I checked at 1427, but Afropop music was on 17660. Probably same transmitter, which keeps running Afropop with no announcements until 1530 as distraction from Sawt al-Amal, tho there is nothing actually to jam after 1400 as SAA frequencies hop around until then (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Re DW in NAm: In the latest listeners forum programme they replied to comments on lacking high speed Internet access. Quoted from memory: "I talked to our IT department, and they assured me that our audio streams are working also on the slowest modem connections, so there's indeed no problem to listen to us this way."

This should well be true (tho a modem connection will only deliver AM quality), but what about the costs? Here in Germany flatrates are basically available for DSL subscriptions only while dial-up connections are still charged per minute, like a decade ago. All the best, (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) I never used dialup, but is it still ever charged per minute in US? (gh, DXLD)

** GOA. AIR Sinhala service, 9820, Nov 1 at 1352 with music which would have been enjoyable had the modulation not been so distorted. This site/transmitter still needs some work. Signal itself was good with some flutter. This must be aimed approximately in the opposite direxion, so could be long path (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also ANGUILLA

** GREECE [and non]. In this area on Tuesday, October 31 at 1545 UT, 17525 is SINPO 35333 at 105 degrees azimuth with lots of noise and some fading. Nothing on 9420 or Thessaloniki. And, 15630 came on earlier than 1600 UT with Greek music on 15630 at 285 degrees azimuth with SINPO 45344 with not as much noise, and fading only a bit. Please thank Apodimos for sending me the B06 Service Area Schedule (it says A06 at the top), which I received by mail. But, there is no English listed on it, only Greek and the Foreign Language transmissions on MW 665 and FM 107 (which shows English at 1930-2000 UT). (John Babbis, MD, USA, to ERA, via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VOG 17525 is marred by some kind of utility signal, Nov 1 at 1431 at least for the half-hour, with some brief breaks. It's a descending chirp from a carrier cutting on and off, and perhaps varying frequency causing the pitch change in the heterodyne. 26 per minute, identical-sounding, much stronger than VOG here, but VOG is not aimed this way (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The Avlis relay of Radiofonikos Stathmos Makedonias used to have soft audio, but tonight I found that this had changed and 7450 punchy modulation now. In the first moment I was tempted to go into a real wild speculation, but after listening a bit closer the audio processing appeared to be a bit different than the one from a certain, now defunct shortwave site. Anyway ERA 5 on 7475 now sounds dull in comparison to the Thessaloniki relay on 7450 (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 31, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

When you got both sound quality and signal you enjoy any transmission on SW, specially when there is music so nice to hear, altho a little traditional at times. Yes, VOG is like a sounding mirror in which other SW broadcasters, specially East Europeans, should see themselves. Beautiful signals at any moment during our early evening, thatis around 0100 ahead on both 9420 and 7475, this latter becoming

weaker around 0400 (Rail Saavedra, Costa Rica, UT Nov 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREENLAND. 3815.0, Ibl [daily?] 2055 Greenland can be heard again with KNR-program. USB and weak. Disturbed by the Russian radio network ``Aurora`` SA (Stig Adolfsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin Oct 29, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. Suara Indonesia, 9525 again Oct 31 was running big open carrier with hum at 1409 and later during that hour. Why, o why, won't they just play back the previously aired English hour from 0800 instead of burning 250 kW for nothing, except perhaps keeping the transmitter from mildewing (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1334, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Both VOI today Oct 31: 15[1]49.83 and 9525.00 at 16-21 UT (Wolfgang B schel, visiting Algarve coast, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Again Nov 1, Suara Indonesia, 9525, left big hummy carrier on during the 1400 hour and past 1500. At 1532 check the 6:24 gamelan orchestra music loop with English IDs had started (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9680, RRI Jakarta, Nov 1 (Wed.), 1001-1021, KGRE program #5302 in English, explanation of ``of course``, Chuck Berry song ``Route 66``, question about transportation vocabulary (truck, small bus, helicopter and motorbike) and asks people to send answer via SMS text to 08123870479, song ``Sh-Boom`` from the Disney movie ``Cars``. QRM from WYFR, but by 1015 RRI was fair. Nice to hear them again (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, Etûn E5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRELAND [non]. RTE, by a fluke of scheduling at WRMI, is once again on shortwave without putting out any effort to make it so. M-F at 14-15, WRMI schedule shows it relaying WRN on 7385, and that's when RTE is on, preceded by an hour of R. Netherlands. No doubt people will run across this and wonder where in the world it is coming from, as there is surely nothing about it on RTE website --- they probably don't even know about it --- and no details on WRMI website of what the WRN block axually contains. Note: I have not confirmed this by monitoring, and WRMI has been known to run previously recorded hours from WRN instead of what is on currently. Of course this is just fill until and unless the time can be sold. See the fuzzy, tilted jpg at the bottom of this page after waiting for it to load: http://www.wrmi.net/schedule.php (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also NETHERLANDS; SWEDEN

** ISRAEL. v15785.06 at 1615, Galei Zahal, Hebrew, QRM co-channel WEWN!! 32332 (Wolfgang B_sschel, visiting Algarve coast, Portugal, Oct 31, WORLD OF RADIO 1334, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Which starts at 1600, by

when GZ ought to be on 6973 (gh)

** ISRAEL. Re 6-162: Just my opinion: 6973 was inactive that time 6985 was using Hebrew, signal was quite low

When I checked 6973 after 2200 the signal was nearly the same as in 6985 on 30 and 31 Oct. I checked 6985, with same level: S9+20 db!

Today at 1757 : 6973 S9 6985 S20, at 1800 in French

Hebrew and Russian are very different. I can both identify! Possibly they did not start from 29th but 30th instead. Hope it helps (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, Oct 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

OK but do GZ and KI come from the same transmitter site? If so, swapping frequencies around would not be so unusual (gh, DXLD)

** ITALY. Rai, audible on 21520 in Italian // 17780 which was much stronger tho squealy, Oct 31 at 1424 as they were closing the 1400 broadcast to Canada, announcing these two frequencies, IS and off. Can anyone think of any other external SW service targeted specifically at Canada rather than North America, or the USA with Canada ignored or assumed to be included? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

At the moment RAI INT. is going to continue with SW transmission. Yours faithfully (Mario Ballabio RaiWay Monitoring Centre Monza, via George Poppin, DXLD)

NORTH ñ CENTRAL ñ SOUTH ñ AMERICA
[A = ENAm, but with a diagonal western boundary from Churchill to Nogales or so; B = Mexico to Venezuela; C = rest of South America]

Zone UTC Frequency Language

A 1400 1425 17780 21520 Italian 1830 1905 11830 15230 Italian 2240 0055 11800 Italian 0055 0115 11800 English 0115 0130 11800 French 0130 0315 11800 Italian 0315 0335 11800 Spanish B 0130 0230 11765 Italian C 2240 0055 9840 Italian 0055 0115 9840 Spanish 0115 0130 9840 Portuguese 0130 0230 6110 Italian 0130 0315 9840 Italian 0315 0335 9840 Spanish

On Saturday and Sunday, from 1345 and 1730, the programmes are replaced by news and commentaries of sporting events in Italian G 1345 1730 9670 Italian A 1345 1730 21520 Italian C 1345 1730 21552 Italian [sic!] H 1345 1730 17570 Italian

Please send us reception reports at the following e-mail address: raiway.hfmonitoring @ rai.it --- by mail at : RaiWay Monitoring Centre Via Mirabellino 1, 20052 Monza MI Italy or by fax at ++39 02 3199 6245 or ++39 039 386 222 (from a full Rai B-06 schedule pdf sent by Raiways to George Poppin, via DXLD)

** JAPAN. Glenn-- Re: DXLD 6-157 and the Japanese government considering pressure on NHK to increase its coverage of North Korean abductees: I wonder if this hasn't already begun. I caught R. Japan's English news today (10/31) Among the world headlines was an item that Japanese prime minister Abe had stressed the importance of the abductee problem to the visiting head of Equatorial Guinea, and that the president of E.G. had agreed that North Korea was 100% at fault on the issue and pledged his nation's cooperation. I can't imagine this being news even in Japan, but I'm sure NK will be hurrying to make amends now that they know Japan and Equatorial Guinea stand shoulder-to-shoulder on this issue (M. Schiefelbein, WORLD OF RADIO 1334, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. Re KBS B-06, 6-162: I think some reports about such a reduction of shortwave transmissions appeared earlier this year, emerging from the German service if I recall correct; they should be in past DXLD editions if they were ever translated into English.

At least for German it was indeed a rather common opinion that the direct transmissions from Kimjae were just a waste of money. I remember that back in the nineties they used 7550 (or another 41 metres frequency) in the morning, which simply did not propagate to Europe at all, unless for a short period around the winter solstice. Still this transmission had two regular listeners -- in Japan!

In the evening 7550 was usable, but still much, much weaker than Skelton. And Kimjae was always weaker here than the transmissions from the North (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re Sackville mixup on 15240: I'm more curious to know what the deal is with the Radio Korea broadcast at 1200 on 9650. In each of the past

two years, reception has *suddenly* deteriorated on the day of the October time change (from a SINPO of 4's and 5's before, to 2's at best after). I emailed Bill about it last year, and he thought I might be in a skip zone, but that wouldn't explain why the poor reception comes about so suddenly. Does anybody know if the transmitter changed its azimuth for the KBS broadcast? (Ted Schuerzinger, who never gives his location, swprograms via DXLD)

In both A and B seasons, this is supposedly using exactly the same power, 250 kW, and antenna at 268 degrees (gh, DXLD)

** LIBERIA [non]. Star Radio, VG on 9525 via Ascension, Nov 1 at 0705 with African and Liberian news in English, Liberian accent. There was very slight co-channel QRM under from a YL voice (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA [and non]. Sawt al-Amal: 31 Octubre: a las 1155 se aprecia una emisiûn musical en 17660, estilo afro-pop; a las 1200 inicia transmisiûn en 17625 Sawt Al-amal, a las 1211 se aprecia en 17625 y 17660 una emisiûn de La Voz de ¡frica en inglÈs; esta transmisiûn se prolongû hasta las 1220, entonces cesa en 17660, se mantiene en 17625 intentando atorar a Sawt Al-amal. Por otra parte en 17630 se aprecia una emisiûn en alem·n que no permite escuchar a ¡frica Nʃ 1. 73 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That would be DW via Nauen at 12-14. Did ANO forget to register itself with HFCC? After 14, I hear ANO OK on 17630, and Afropop on 17660 again Oct 31 (gh, DXLD) More: GABON

- ** LIBYA [non]. English via Issoudun at 1500 news, 17725, 21695 (Wolfgang B_sschel, visiting Algarve coast, Portugal, Oct 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- V. of Africa, 17725 via France, English Nov 1 at 1425 with mandatory big hum on 10 over 9 signal. Feature on apartheid, Miriam Makeba and her problems in the US Civil Rights movement of the 1960s (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- ** MALAYSIA. 6049.65v, 19/10 1435-1440, RTM KUALA LUMPUR, SYIK FM PROGRAM + PBS TIBET CHINA QRM 6050 kHz (IN // 7385 kHz) SUFF (Giampiero Bernardini, Bocca di Magra DX nights with Dario Monferini, La Spezia, Liguria, North Italy, AOR 7030, RF Space SDR-14, CiaoRadio H101, Ant: Wellbrook LFL 1010, HCDX via DXLD)

I hear the het any morning around this time, and now the Chinese signal dominates, tho I doubt if in B-06 it is all the way from Tibet. In fact IBB Tinang is on 6050 at 14-15, and must be jammed. I suppose it's a R. Free Asia service (Glenn Hauser, OK, DXLD)

** MARTINIQUE. Emne: [mwdx] French station 1310 kHz --- Last week I was dx-ing in Lapland. We heard a French speaking station on 1310 kHz around 0500 UT. At the same time stations from YV / US East Coast. No ID but sounded like state-owned program-style with talk about Islamic immigration in French speaking countries. Martinique reactivated? (Jorma Mantyla, Kangasala, Finland, Oct 30, mwdx yg via DXLD)

I heard Martinique loud and clear on 1310 two years ago when I was on the island of Tobago. Martinique 1310 was also reported in 2000, so I imagine that it is still on the air - though probably running low power. Best 73s (Stig Hartvig Nielsen, Denmark, ibid.)

** MYANMAR. 5770 LSB, 19/10 1515-1530, MYANMAR DEFENCES FORCES, YL TALKS IN BURMESE & SONGS. POOR/SUFF (Giampiero Bernardini, Bocca di Magra DX nights with Dario Monferini, La Spezia, Liguria, North Italy, AOR 7030, RF Space SDR-14, CiaoRadio H101, Ant: Wellbrook LFL 1010, HCDX via DXLD)

** NEPAL. 5005, 21/10 0020-0045, R. NEPAL, ID + NX IN NEPALI BY YL. (REACTIVATED) SUFF/GOOD (Giampiero Bernardini, Bocca di Magra DX nights with Dario Monferini, La Spezia, Liguria, North Italy, AOR 7030, RF Space SDR-14, CiaoRadio H101, Ant: Wellbrook LFL 1010, HCDX via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. R. Netherlands, 7385 at 1305z, English in progress with report by Louise Dunn. I'm not sure of the site, Madagascar via long path I suppose. R Netherlands website doesn't list this nor does EiBi (Jerry Lenamon, Waco Texas, Drake R8B with sloper, Nov 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No, it must be WRMI which is now relaying WRN at 13-15 weekdays on 7385. Per WRN schedule,

http://www.wrn.org/listeners/schedules/schedule.php?
ScheduleID=2&CurrentTZID=3&Show=week

which has not been adjusted for standard time, this now includes one hour of RN at 13, one hour of RTE Ireland at 14 (and R. Prague at 15 which WRMI probably gets from WRN feed but is a separate customer.) And finally R. Sweden at 1530.

I've notified WRN, but until it's fixed, if you choose to display it in UTC, the times shown are now one hour too early. If you choose ET, CT (never mind MT --- who cares about the great western interior of our continent?), or PT, the times are correct for standard time since WRN shifted everything one hour of absolute time. 73, (Glenn, ibid.)

Interesting. I wonder if this is a repeat of the RNW broadcast that aired in the previous hour via Bonaire? Also, I can't remember WRMI

- with a such a good signal here. Congratulations to Jeff. I'll try to listen to RTE at 1400z before leaving for work (Jerry Lenamon, Waco, ibid.)
- Feature programs on the half-hour are the same, but 1200 has Newsline A, and 1300 Newsline B, per sked Andy Sennitt sent me (gh, DXLD)
- ** NIGER. NÕGER, 9705, La Voix du Sahel, 1930-1940, escuchada el 31 de Octubre en francÈs a locutora con boletÌn de noticias, segmento musical y locutor con comentarios; se aprecia fuerte pitido, templando hacia 9707 para reducirlo, SINPO 32442 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia) EspaÒa, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- ** NIGERIA. 4770, Radio Nigeria, *0428-0447, 10/28/06, in English. Open carrier noted until drums IS at 0430. At 0432 brief choral National Anthem which was followed by pledge of allegiance to Nigeria. A man announcer gave opening ID and announcements followed by a brief religious service and vocals. Fair (Rich D'Angelo, PA, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)
- ** NIGERIA. Radio Nigeria Abuja, 7275 kHz, QSL letter in 2 months from V/s: Ben Obeta (for Executive Director). Broadcasting House, P. O. Box 377 Gwagwalada / P.M.B 71, Gark1, Abuja, Nigeria (Juan Antonio Arranz S., Spain, playdx yg via DXLD)
- ** OMAN. R. Sultanate of Oman, 15140, better than before on Nov 1 at 1415 with disco-beat music; still not enough signal to muscle aside the splatter from WYFR Spanish 15130. Fortunately, RSO is nothing but a novelty and does not even attempt to convey anything about Omani music or culture during its token English broadcast. It would be nice to be able to hear the news clearly on the hour or half hour, however (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- ** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 4960, [Catholic Radio Network ≠ Ed.] (Vanimo) (Tentative), 0516, 10/28/06. OM in English barely audible with mentions of Christ Jesus and The Deity. Heavy QRM from VOA and from stations playing Afropop or Latin music. Extremely tentative log of this station. P-VP (Joe Wood, TN, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)
- 0516 is way too early at 3:16 pm local, about 3 hours before sunset. Perhaps you had a -900 kHz image from WHRI on 5860, which you should have checked for //, since your receiver keeps getting such images

** PERU. 4990.9, R. Ancash, 0937-1000, 10/28/06, in Spanish. In fairly well and all alone at this end of the band with slick morning program of rustic music, man announcer with TC's, local announcements with many mentions of Huaraz, into national news read by woman at 1000. Checked at 1033 and still there although very weak. Not heard next day. Nice looking website at http://www.radioancash.org (John Herkimer, NY, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** PERU. 6114.84, Radio UniÛn, 1040-1100 Nov 1, Noted a man in Spanish comments between music selections. On the hour, noted promos and ID. Another station opens on 6120 at 1100 UT [Japan via Canada], causing a lot of splatter and covers Radio UniÛn. Until then, the signal was poor (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston, FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST) This could also be the QRM to Tirana during English to NAm on 6115 at 0245 & 0330 (gh, DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. QSL: R. Veritas Asia, 15450 kHz, (Myanmar Program Broadcast), P. O. Box 2642, Quezon City-1166, Philippines. V/s: Ms. Cleofe R. Labindao, Audience Relations Officer (pay attention she's a woman). QSL card, religious info, station info. It's my first QSL from RVA, I've tried it for years (Juan Antonio Arranz S., Spain, playdx yg via DXLD)

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** POLAND [non]. Winter B-06 of Polish Radio via DTK T-systems with
azimuths:
                      5965 WER 100 kW / 270; 7285 NAU 100 kW / 100
1130-1200 Polish
1200-1230 Russian
                     13820 WER 100 kW / 060; 15520 WER 100 kW / 060
                      5965 WER 100 kW / N-D; 5975 WER 100 kW / 060
1230-1300 German
1300-1400 English
                      5975 NAU 100 kW / 359; 9525 WER 100 kW / 330
                     7275 WER 100 kW / 030; 11675 WER 250 kW / 060
1400-1430 Russian
1430-1530 Belorussian 6035 WER 100 kW / 075; 7180 WER 100 kW / 060
1530-1600 Ukrainian
                     6000 WER 100 kW / 090; 7180 WER 100 kW / 030
1600-1630 Esperanto
                      6050 NAU 125 kW / 240; 7285 WER 100 kW / 045
1630-1700 German
                     7270 MC 100 kW / 010
1630-1730 Polish
                     6050 WER 100 kW / 055
1730-1800 Esperanto
                     6060 WER 100 kW / 055
1800-1900 English
                     6015 WER 250 kW / 300;
                                             7130 ISS 250 kW / 025
1900-1930 Russian
                     6095 WER 250 kW / 045
1900-1930 Esperanto
                     7290 NAU 100 kW / 230
1930-2000 Ukrainian
                     6000 JUL 100 kW / 115; 6095 WER 100 kW / 075
2000-2030 Russian
                      5935 WER 100 kW / 060;
                                              5935 WER 125 kW / 060
2030-2100 German
                      9640 GUF 250 kW / 035; 11940 GUF 250 kW / 040
                      6050 WER 250 kW / 030; 9660 GUF 250 kW / 040
2200-2300 Polish
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Oct 31 via DXLD)
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** RUSSIA. 12260, 2 x 6130 harmonic of La Voix du Russie, 25422, at

1700 UT (Wolfgang B schel, visiting Algarve coast, Portugal, Oct 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAINT HELENA. RSD News: Radio St Helena is BACK on the air on shortwayes

Hello Everyone, Radio St. Helena is BACK on the air on shortwaves and is ready for the Revival transmissions on 04. November on 11092.5 KHz in USB starting at 2200 UT to Europe (1800 to New Zealand, 2000 to Japan and 2330 UT to North America).

Today we successfully tested the power amplifier and antenna system. We broadcast over two hours long under the exact conditions of the broadcasts on Saturday. We used a full 1000 Watts output to the 3-element Yagi-Uda beam antenna. Both Cable & Wireless and the BBC on Ascension Island reported back to us that we had strong signals and excellent modulation. This was also reported to us by email by Mr. Jari Savolainen of Kuusankoski in FINLAND!! The staff at RSH were thrilled to learn that our signals were heard that far away.

We at Radio St. Helena are READY for the Radio St. Helena Day Revival 2006 broadcasts on 04. November. NOTE: If you try to call in by telephone, you will probably get a busy signal, so just keep trying. We will handle the calls as quickly as possible.

PLEASE remember the NEW address (PO Box 24) for reception reports.

Look at http://www.sthelena.se/radioproject for some photos of the Project. Good DX and listening conditions to everyone.

Reception reports by regular mail only and including 3+ IRC's or "Greenstamps" are to be sent ONLY to the following NEW QSL-MANAGER for RSH and the RSD broadcasts:

Radio St. Helena P.O. Box 24 Jamestown St. Helena Island STHL 1ZZ South Atlantic Ocean

With best regards, Robert Kipp ZD7PU DJ0PU at Radio St. Helena (via PlayDX yg via Roberto Scaglione, shortwave yg via DXLD)

Now that they are all set up at considerable trouble and expense, what's the point of doing only one broadcast a year? They might as well run 11092.5 every weekend, or even every evening, even if it's only duplicating local RSH programming. They might be more amenable to

this if an external QSL manager would take that workload off (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1334, DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA. BUZZY ARS: 21495, BSKSA Riyadh AR 09-12, Oct 31, followed by 21505 at 12-15 UT only. Then 21460 13-16 UT, and also Spurious without Buzz: 21600/21640 producing spurs at 21680 1330 UT, stronger Arabic from 21600 heard. At 12-14 UT also 21560 spur, stronger program from 21640 heard (Wolfgang Bschel, visiting Algarve coast, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SCOTLAND [non]. Radio Six International http://www.radiosix.com/index.html

Daylight Saving Time ended in many countries on October 29th, and our programme schedule has changed to reflect that. Check out details in the programme pages. Main change is that the daily transmission via RTI's FM outlets and satellite outlets will run from 00:00 to 06:00 (and therefore will be at the same local time as before). Because we're giving our main production studio a much needed overhaul in November, several regular shows will be missing from the schedule for the next month. Amongst those programmes taking a brief rest are Tony Currie Show, Aalya Maan, Saturday Sounds, Letter From America, DXtra, Tarry Awhile and John Cavanagh's Album Show. However, Soundwave and The Chart Show will continue as normal. Unfortunately, Tony Currie is unwell and currently unable to present his usual shows - we'll be airing repeats instead until Tony has recovered (via John Norfolk, dxldyg via DXLD)

Well, I did check out the programme pages, and the DXtra section, at least, hasn't been updated since September. As for their frequency guide, all show 'No transmissions currently scheduled' or a variation of (John Norfolk, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SEYCHELLES. Not a good date for BBC African service here from MahÈ. 9750 was stronger and 11665 seemed to be off the air, when that sked began at 0300. Then barely audible after 0400.

On the other hand BBCWS 9410 Cyprus ``was in the street`` (tico saying when something`s bad), this beginning UT Wednesday 1 Nov. After 0400 clear and strong on 6195. 73s. ICF 7600GR / T2FD antenna (Ra`l Saavedra, Costa Rica, UT Nov 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SLOVAKIA. Winter B-06 schedule of Radio Slovakia International: ENGLISH 0100-0127 7230 9440

0700-0727 13715 15460

1730-1757 5915 6055

1930-1957 5915 7345

GERMAN 0800-0827 5915 6055

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       1900-1927
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FRENCH 0200-0227
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                         9440
       1800-1827
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       2030-2057
                   5915 7345
RUSSIAN 1400-1427
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       1600-1627
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       1830-1857
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SLOVAK 0130-0157
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       0730-0757 13715 15460
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       1630-1657
       2000-2027
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SPANISH 0230-0257
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       1530-1557
       2100-2127
                   9460 11610
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Oct 31 via DXLD)
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** SLOVAKIA. ESLOV;QUIA ñ O primeiro programa, em espanhol, de retorno da R·dio Eslov·quia Internacional ‡s ondas curtas, apÛs quatro meses de ausÍncia, em 29 de outubro, teve excelente sintonia na Espanha. Em Santiago de Compostela, JosÈ Maria Turnes NuÒes acompanhou a emiss"o das 1530, pela freq Íncia de 9445 kHz com bom sinal. Tambèm monitorou 11600 kHz, onde o sinal era excelente (CÈlio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX Oct 29 via DXLD)

Tremendo placer escuchar de vuelta la voz de Ladislava en Radio Eslovaquia Internacional. Es como cuando en los viejos tiempos, un amigo regresaba tras un largo viaje.

Thatís it. A great pleasure having back the warm voice of Ladislava for RSlovakiaInt. Spanish service. For me it was like it happened in the old days, when a friend you were missing so much, was back after a long trip. Transmission at 2100 was heard on 9460 no // 11610 at all. For 0230 service 7230 was coming stronger this time, altho huge splatter from a station in Russian on 7240. The old regular // 9440 weaker and noisy this time (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ESLOVAQUIA. El dÌa 29 de Octubre pudimos escuchar con agrado el retorno de Radio Eslovaquia Internacional a la Onda Corta, un regreso envenenado que lo 'nico que pretende es evidenciar la crÛnica de una muerte anunciada. En la transmisiÛn de ayer quedÛ patente que Èstas transmisiones tan sÛlo est·n garantizadas hasta el 31 de Diciembre del 2006. Se pudo escuchar tambiÈn las palabras de unos polìticos que comentaban de la necesidad e importancia de Èstas transmisiones en Onda Corta, pero cabe evidenciar la ausencia en Èste programa de la directora general de la radio Eslovaca, precursora de la salida de RSI

en Onda Corta y m·xima defensora de las transmisiones en internet. ØA que se debe Èsta repentino regreso a la Onda Corta?. Acaso se ha restablecido los medios necesarios para su puesta en marcha, parece ser que no. Me pregunto cual es la finalidad de Èsta macabra maniobra, la de poner en marcha una transmisiones en Onda Corta con unos medios tÈcnicos y humanos bajo mìnimos, no ser· de dejar madurar a RSI cûmo una manzana y esperar que caiga por si sola al suelo y se estampe de una vez por todas.

El silencio de la seòora directora es mas que preocupante, una vez se restablecen la transmisiones, no se tiene constancia de una programaciûn para el futuro, no se sabe a ciencia cierta si se van a contratar a nuevos redactores para que Estos programas salgan con un minimo de garantias, no se tiene constancia de que se vayan a restablecer a los tècnicos y asesores musicales, piezas fundamentales para la elaboraciún de los programas. Entonces, øcual es el verdadero propúsito del restablecimiento de Estas transmisiones?, en realidad es una apuesta de que RSI se mantenga en el aire o por el contrario, a base de poner trabas y piedras en el camino caiga por si sola. En su dia me preocupú mucho la retirada de RSI de la Onda Corta y hoy viendo en el lamentable estado en que regresa, mi preocupaciún sobre su continuidad a n es mayor (Josè Miguel Romero, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

He thinks the reprieve is a cruel joke, since altho on the air, RSI has not regained the personnel to produce the necessary programming; and the director has had nothing to say about it. She probably wants it to fail and go off once and for all. Envenenado = poisoned, corrupted, perverted, maliciously interpreted. Following shows they only produce three programs a week, the others being repeats! Is it thus in English too? (Glenn Hauser WORLD OF RADIO 1334, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

En el dla de hoy se ha anunciado un esquema de programaciún de RSI en espaòol de forma temporal; la programaciún es de la siguiente manera:

Lunes, Temas de economía y deportes. Martes, Sociedad y furismo.

MiÈrcoles, repeticiÛn del programa del domingo.

Jueves, repeticiÛn del programa del lunes.

Viernes, repeticiÛn del programa del martes.

S·bado, resumen de lo mejor de la semana.

Domingo, lectura de cartas de los oyentes.

JosÈ Mas, redactor de RSI secciÛn espaÒola (via JosÈ Miguel Romero, ibid.)

Querido amigo JosÈ Miguel. Espero que te encuentres muy bien. Contrale

JosÈ Miguel, la verdad es que leyendo tu correo me desanimo un poco por el regreso de SRI a la onda corta, pero si vamos a la realidad hay que hacer caso al refr·n que dice: PIENSA MAL Y ACERTARAS; lo cierto es que tu correo tiene mucha verdad y est·s pensando como debe ser, eso es algo muy extraÒo. Recibe un abrazo, querido amigo (JosÈ ElÌas, Venezuela, Noticias DX via DXLD)

Saludos cordiales, Don JosÈ ElÌas, en este caso no se trata de pensar mal y acertar; lamentablemente he tenido que hacer esta carta por contar de primera mano de noticias m·s que desalentadoras. La realidad de RSI es bien distinta de lo que se pretende exponer con este regreso. Te confirmo que por parte de los redactores de RSI, se les tiene prohibido informar y comentar nada sobre la situaciÛn real de la emisora; por otra parte una vez terminadas las regulaciones de empleo y despedido a una gran parte del personal de la emisora se ha empezado por el despido de todo aquel que opine en contra de las decisiones de la Directora de RSI. La situaciÛn es Stalinista. Pero real.

Te envlo un mensaje recibido de RSI en que quiz·s te haga ver por dÛnde van los tiros (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Noticias DX via DXLD) Viz.:

Re: RSI, un regreso envenado a la Onda Corta. Inmensas gracias, Josè! Aunque el asunto tenga m·s lados, alcanzaste sacar la idea de manera genial! Te mantendrÈ informado..., un abrazo muy fuerte, L. (Ladislava Hudzovicova, RSI via JMRR, ibid.)

Hola, JosÈ Miguel y dem·s amigos, espero que no estÈs en lo cierto y podamos disfrutar de RSI por mucho tiempo, pero claro quiÈn mejor que t' para saber lo que se cuece en esta emisora. Un saludo (Javier Robledillo, Spain, ibid.)

Espero estar equivocado y que las transmisiones de RSI perduren por muchos aòos, pero muchas cosas tienen que cambiar y la realidad es cruda; de todas las maneras en nuestras manos est· que la emisora perdure, con escucharla y sobre todo con enviarles cartas y mensajes, informes de recepciûn y comentarios. Solo asì continuar·. Un abrazo. Atentamente (Josè Miguel Romero, ibid.)

Nice listening from RSI Spanish service this Nov. 1st, 0250, while Laya was interviewing our Josè Miguel Romero on his recent visit to Bratislava. Talking about food. She promised the 2nd part with a good sounding Pepe for the near future. 7230 // 9440 weaker and noisy. Que b·rbaro Pepe! Te despachaste lindo y coloquial. Suenas muy bien al aire. Felicitaciones (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, UT Nov 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWAZILAND. TWO transmitters at Manzini, TWR, are OFF frequency: 6129.94, 1750-2020 UT, and 9474.89 1702-1802 and produce HUM

- interference to co-channel stations (Wolfgang B¸schel, visiting Algarve coast, Portugal, Oct 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST) E.g. ALBANIA; I had pointed out such a conflict might ensue if RT used 6130 (gh)
- ** SWEDEN [non]. After at least two days of running CBCNQ in Inuktituk on 15240 at 1430, Sackville was back to Radio Sweden relay in English, Nov 1 at 1430, and Swedish during the previous half hour. Opening ID mentioned only 15240 to North America. See also CANADA; CZECH REPUBLIC [non] (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- ** SWEDEN [non]. See CANADA. And if Sackville prevents you from hearing R. Sweden at 1430 on 15240, it's also on WRN via WRMI 7385 at 1530, weekdays only (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- ** SYRIA. 12085, Radio Damascus, 2036, 10/26/06, in English. Middle Eastern pop tunes, M and F announcers giving helpful bits of info like Syria's environmental policy, ID as "Damascus Radio". Weak with QRM from VOA on 12080 not helping. Poor (M. Schiefelbein, MO, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD) So the modulation was adequate?? (gh, DXLD)
- ** THAILAND. R. Thailand tentative B-06 English, with azimuths, Udorn u.o.s.; needs to be confirmed:

0000-0030 9680 256 to SAf

0030-0100 5890 190 Greenville

0300-0330 5890 180 Delano [back to 03 instead of 02 in A-season?]

0530-0600 13770 324 to Eu

1230-1300 9810 132 to Au

1400-1430 9725 132 to Au [collides with DGS Costa Rica, het]

1900-2000 9805 329 to Eu

2030-2045 9535 321 to Eu

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1334, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

- R. Thailand, 9725 at 1402 in English, Fair with flutter, fortunately in the absence of Defunct Gene Scott from Costa Rica (also missing from 11775 Anguilla, and WWCR 13845 not propagating; I feel so deprived). This confirms one of the B-06 English frequencies for Thailand, anyway, intended for Australia (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- ** TURKEY. 17700, TRT Ge[?] «akirlar produces a lot of spurs, totally distorted. 1230-1327 17645, 17675-17696, and 17755, 17780, and 17706-17727 kHz totally distorted by TRT program (Wolfgang B_sschel, visiting Algarve coast, Portugal, Oct 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- ** U K. Paul McCartney's new oratorio, Ecce cor Meum, receives its world premiËre at the Albert Hall this week. Heather Mills would doubtless prefer it if the show were not Behold My Heart but Behold My Chequebook; thousands of others, however, will go to SW7 for the first

public performance of an ambitious work whose centrepiece is a lament for Sir Paul's first wife, Linda.

Millions more, lacking the £30 to £60 for a ticket, or unable to be in Kensington Gore on Friday night, may wonder why this big event is not being broadcast. Sir Paul is unquestionably our most successful living musician and the album's release in late September generated much attention. The performers are world class: the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields, the boy choristers of King's College, Cambridge and Magdalen College, Oxford, and the soprano Kate Royal. The Albert Hall confirms that no broadcaster has made any request to cover it, either for future broadcast or to put out live.

Its creator must be disappointed, though no comment is forthcoming. It is unusual though not unprecedented for stations to ignore an international artist in this way: Pavarotti's great recital in 1992, the first classical music concert ever held in Hyde Park, was similarly neglected. A local station called Melody (now Magic) was more alert, stepped in, and broadcast it. The results were fantastic.

So why are our three national stations providing classical music, Radio 3, Classic FM and Radio 2, overlooking it? Their responses are revealing. It transpires that Radio 3 has not played a single note of Ecce cor Meum but that Classic, by contrast, has already played the entire work and put McCartney on their magazine cover. Radio 3 clearly has nothing against pop stars, for it has given much recent exposure to Sting and his lute music of John Dowland, and the BBC has now put him on the cover of their rival magazine. It's microphones at dawn: Classic McCartney versus Radio Sting.

Radio 3 says: "We have not played any of Ecce cor Meum as yet, though we may in future, and I believe this is because it is a recent release. The concert doesn't feature in our plans. We cannot record everything." Classic FM says: "We played the work in full on October 4, done a special on McCartney, and parts of it are still being played on air, but we don't do live concerts." Radio 2 has not said anything.

Even in a more fluid crossover era, some composers evidently still slip between musical stools, showing the rigidity of broadcasters' formats. And live concerts, one of the glories of radio because of the excitement and sense of occasion they provide, are perhaps not in the healthiest of states. Sometimes the only live output on Radio 3 is Choral Evensong and the Monday-lunchtime concert; Classic FM has not had the funds to do any live music for three years; and Radio 2, even when billing a star as "live and exclusive", as with Stevie Wonder last year, usually turns out to be mounting a recording. Little of the admirable Electric Proms, which end today, has actually gone out live. Voices are now being raised about the paucity of live jazz, too. And

last week, Radio 3 confirmed that from February it will be reducing the amount of live music in the evenings (though the Proms will be unaffected) to make room for more specially recorded concerts. Paying some of the fatcat DJs a bit less might well yield some of the extra resources needed.

Thanks to Paul Donovan via music-anoraks for the above (Radio Waves, Sunday Times, 29 Oct via Paul David, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. The following is "hot" off the Radio Free Asia printing press:

A. J. Janitschek, Director of Production support at Radio Free Asia (``RFA``) informs us that the station will be offering its 12th QSL card commemorating its 10th anniversary since their first broadcast back in 1996. That first program was broadcast in Mandarin Chinese on September 29, 1996. The new QSL features their new corporate logo. The card is scheduled for distribution from September 1 to December 31, 2006. RFA encourages listeners to submit reception reports because they help them evaluate the signal strength and quality of transmissions. Reception reports can be submitted at http://www.techweb.rfa.org (follow the QSL Reports link), or e-mailed to the station at qsl @ rfa.org, or by postal mail to Reception Reports, Radio Free Asia, 2025 M. Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036. Don¬πt forget to request a current program schedule and a station sticker when writing (NASWA Flashsheet Oct 29 via DXLD)

Well, it took a long time to warm up the press if this went into effect Sept 1 (gh, DXLD)

** U S A [non]. Like last B-season, VOA Kurdish at 14-15 is audible here on 17750, tho 75 degrees from Morocco; nice for the music segments. Oct 31 at 1427 it was marred by DRM-like QRM, which then morphed into something in analog French on 17755, but that disappeared after 1430. Both Spain and Korea S are may be on this frequency, but not in French (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Private SW Station Freq. list for B06 from FCC was posted this morning, Oct. 31st. 73 From (Thomas Moyer, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

http://www.fcc.gov/ib/sand/neg/hf_web/B06FCC01.TXT

Still has KAIJ on abandoned 13815, and not on 9340 (gh)

** U S A. KAIJ again missing from 9340 during the 1400 hour of Oct 31. This frequency does not appear in the initial FCC B-06 schedule, tho it still has 13815 which I believe has finally been abandoned due to the proximity of R. Martì, and the DentroCuban Jamming Command on

13820 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KAIJ (Frisco, TX), 9340, 2256-2302, 10/31/06, SINPO 54444, in English. Preacher (not Gene Scott), talking about how people should give money to him and he should have the best because he ``watches your soul``, cut mid sentence at 2302 (served him right - yes, my log says "Gospel Huxter"), ID - "KAIJ, Dallas Texas, The United States of America.", Genesis Radio Network Ad, to show in progress with an interview with a street preacher. Right now 11/1/06, 0320, 5755 is either not there, or not making it here. Not even a het.

I haven't heard the late / defunct Gene Scott on KAIJ in some time (which isn't to say his digital presence isn't there, just not when I've passed the frequency). They seem to be running the kind of brokered religious programs that many other private SW stations in the US run. When I checked my log, they were running contemporary Christian music in June, 2006. I checked 3 days in a row in early August, 2006, and they were running a variety of religious programs including "True Faith Ministries Church" and "Truth House". Non - DGS preachers at all random local evening (early morning UT) checks in the last half of August, Sept., and Oct. All on 5755.

Thanks to Glenn's recent logs, this is the first I've heard them off that frequency. I've always hoped that people outside North America don't hear much of this and think it reflects what we listen to in most of our media (Mark Taylor, Madison, WI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KAIJ Dallas wants reception reports on its current frequencies, to evaluate reception both from east and west coasts of NAm, 1300-2400 UT on 9340, 0000-0600 on 5755 (the latter will be extended to 24 hours later). The first 30 correct reports will get one of the rest of KAIJ's old QSLs before new ones are printed. If you want one, include your postal address. This offer is good only for E-mail reports sent thru Glenn Hauser for forwarding to KAIJ (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KAIJ, 9340, back on Nov 1 at 1359 check interrupting discussion of trade deficit with China for canned ID. Good signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi, Glenn! I was just checking for TP MW when I read your posting inviting reception reports for 9340. Right now (at 1430 Nov 1) I'm listening to the Power Hour with perfect reception: 5-5-5 SIO with a signal of up to S9+30 strength! Can't beat that. I'm using an AOR 7030+ with a T2FD antenna. At 1432 they switched over to ads. Is this a television feed? Sounds like it. They gave an ID for TCN. Uggh, now an ad for Northern Voice Bookstore. Extreme right wing there it

sounds. Then back to the Power Hour at 1436 with "Progressiveconvergence.com" --- hmmm, don't know what the heck that is. Anyway, Glenn, back to my TP MW. Is that worthy of a QSL? My address is [. . .]: Thanks, Glenn! (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 25950 (Narrow band FM) USA. [TV Feeder? ≠ Ed.], 1940-1956 fade out, 10/28/06, coverage of Colorado/Kansas football game with ads for All State Insurance and Outback Steakhouse; ID for ``News Radio, Eight-Fifty KOA.`` Fair to good on peaks (Rich D'Angelo, PA, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** U S A. WBCQ will be running special live Halloween entertainment programming commencing at 0530 Wednesday morning (12:30 am eastern time) on 7415. The tentative lineup consists of Timtron and Tom, Jim E. Night of the Lost Discs Radio Show, and the debut of GRITS Radio. The plan is to run for about three hours starting at 0530 (Larry Will, Mount Airy, MD, in advance on dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. OMEGA ONE RADIO --- Glenn, Here is another in a series of "interesting" stations. Omega One radio, formerly on 13556, is now on 6950 LSB with a reported power output of 50-100 watts from Springfield, IL. Todd Daugherty is the principal operator. Todd is a ham operator (N90GL) who is very outspoken about the FCC and freedom of speech. For example, he calls the FCC "little bitch-whore nazi anti free-speechers."

Todd's interests are: Lolicon (Japanese AnimÈ cartoons featuring sexualized images of children); Low power FM radio; radio piracy; and writing short stories. Todd also reports that he has a station on 88.3 FM with a power output of 10-15 watts. As far as I know, the Shortwave and FM stations are not licensed. Believe me Glenn, I couldn't make this stuff up if I tried!

His BLOG (not for the faint of heart) is here: http://n9oglvoice.blogspot.com/

A post about Omega One:

http://n9oglvoice.blogspot.com/2006/10/omega-one-radio.html

A post about the FM station:

http://n9ogl.proboards50.com/index.cgi? board=omega&actionfiltered=display&thread=1159889744

Todd Daugherty (Omega One Radio) is in Taylorville, IL, not Springfield:

N90GL

TODD E DAUGHERTY 800 W MAIN CROSS TAYLORVILLE IL 62568 USA (Brian Crow, Oct 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM [and non]. Er zijn er die genoeg plaats hebben in hun tuin om beverage-antennes te spannen, er zijn er die er met de caravan of mobilhome op uittrekken en er zijn er die naar de beverage farm van Wilhelm Herbst in Fjerritslev, Denemarken trekken om daar hun geluk op de ethergolven te beproeven. Zie http://www.wilhelm-herbst-verlag.de/DX183/DXer/index.htm

Cornel en ik kozen voor de laatste optie. Zaterdag 21/10 vertrok ik 4 uur locale tijd voor een rit van 1000 km noordwaarts. Voor Cornel was het wat minder ver vanuit zijn nieuwe woonplaats in Friesland. . .

Vietnam was alle dagen te horen op 1242 kHz en JOLF uit Japan werd de laatste dag ook met positieve ID ontvangen. "Mission accomplished" wat ons betreft. Een paar geluidsbestandjes vind je hier. Vietnam op 1242 kHz http://www.schotmans.net/dxsounds/Vietnam.mp3
Vietnam in het Engels op dezelfde freq http://www.schotmans.net/dxsounds/Vietnam_English.mp3
en JOLF Japan op 1242 kHz. http://www.schotmans.net/dxsounds/JOLF.mp3

- 1242.00, 1525 22-10-06 VTN VoVietnam, Thoi Long Talks often mentioning Vietnam peaking around 1535 V 33333 65
- 1242.00, 1542 23-10-06 VTN VoVietnam, Thoi Long Talks often mentioning Vietnam. At first much weaker then day before but some very good peaks around 1600 V 22222 65
- 1241.98, 1600 23-10-06 OMA Radio Sultanate of Oman, Muscat Signing on with westminster clock Ar 23222 65
- 1242.00, 1500 24-10-06 VTN VoVietnam, Thoi Long English ID & Nx ! F and UK phased out E 23333 65
- 1242.00, 1525 25-10-06 VTN VoVietnam, Thoi Long at first very weak letterbox px E. At 1530 signal increased dramatically like they switched antennas or drove up power for Vietnamese px. Later during the evening quite good signal without the need to phase out the others. Strange that other Asians are quite absent V 34444 65
- 1242.00, 1530 26-10-06 VTN VoVietnam, Thoi Long V 33333 65 (Guido Schotmans, with Cornel, BDX via DXLD) 65 = antenna bearing used. From a lengthy report, just focusing here on VIETNAM (gh)
- ** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. 7425, 0830, ALG, RASD, Tindouf powerhouse // 1550.00 kHz MW, both 45544 (Wolfgang B schel, visiting Algarve coast,

Portugal, Oct 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Western Sahara strong --- Estoy recibiendo desde las 2300 Èste 'ltimo d'à de Octubre, la Radio Nacional de la Rep'blica Democr·tica Saharaui, o la EstaciÛn del Frente Polisario, seg'n sea el gusto, con seòal inusual, como nunca antes, acaso con transmisor m·s potente, en su servicio en espaòol, empleando fondo musical de Kenny G para leer poemas sobre los sueòos. La mayorla de su repertorio de canciones versa sobre temas socio-pollticos.

No creo que sean buenas condiciones desde Africa, porque ni rastro de Conakry 7125, aunque sì estoy notando pero muy dÈbil a Burkina Faso 5030. 73s. y DX (Ra`l Saavedra, Costa Rica, 2350 UT Oct 31, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. 5915, 1545 Oct 25. Great greyline opening between Oahu and Zambia. Mx, Fish Eagle IS at 1555, mixing with China (up until 1700?) In the clear at 1712, armchair signal. 1800 Time pips, YL ID(?), OM NX, not English. Nothing on 4910. Checked Zimbabwe, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia - nothing, only Zambia. Heard no English that I could tell during the times I listened (David Norcross, Windward Oahu, Hawaii, Sat. 800 & ICF-2010, WORLD OF RADIO 1334, DX LISTENING DIGEST) That's close to antipodal (gh)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5005, UNID !!! station in Spanish, and some government jamming signal in between. Most likely another RASD like station to Spanish Sahara, and accompanying jamming. Continuous very fast pop music and some Spanish announcement in between (Wolfgang B, schel, visiting Algarve coast, Portugal, Oct 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Time? did you forget about Equatorial Guinea 5005? But I don't know about the jamming (gh)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. 5990 at 1630, re 6-162: On 1910 UT I can hear BBC Ukrainian Service on this frequency behind LUX-DRM. 73, (Patrick Robic, Austria, Oct 31 DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So that's probably in fact what they are calling "9757" at http://www.bbc.co.uk/ukrainian/institutional/rebroadcasters.shtml

Also checked if it's possibly the BBC, too, in the 1600-1700 hour. No mention of 5990 at

http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/russian/frequencies/newsid_3241000/3241031.stm but who knows how serious the data on this page can be taken, judging from the experience with Ukrainian All the best, (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6215, Asian signal, 0903, 10/28/06, Couldn't tell language, but definitely Asian. Woman talking in a repeating cadence,

reminded me of Shiokaze; a little talking by man, but mostly woman. Fair signal at best, noisy conditions. It went off at 0920. The carrier came back some time before 1000, and I expected a 1000 repeat, but I believe the station did not start up again until a couple of minutes past 1000 (I missed the sign-on but taped it). Opened with brief music, then similar program, and closed at 1020, but reception considerably poorer at 1000 than at 0900. -- Weak and choppy Oct 29, I think it started with music circa 0900, woman definitely started talking at 0903, to 0920*. Well below Oct 28 level. Didn't check the 1000 broadcast until 1015, when the woman was holding forth to 1019, carrier off around 1019:30 (Jerry Berg, MA, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

Glenn, Re DXLD 6-162, unidentified station on 6215 kHz: I heard that station on October 29, at around 0918 UT, when trying to find out if R. Baluarte was on the air. Very poor reception (I was indoors and using the built-in telescopic antenna of the Sony ICF-7600DS). By 0910 UT I lost it, but could hear it again at 1008 UT. The female announcer spoke a language that seemed to be of Asian origin but I could not identify it. However there was some "rhythm" in the words that made me immediately think of a "number station". I was glad to know that other colleagues could hear it in other parts of the world. I will try to catch it again using a better antenna. 73, (Moisès Knochen, Montevideo, Uruguay, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Heard an UNKNOWN station testing, on 15040 kHz, most likely INS or PHL, 12-1323 UT sign off, like south sea music of INS, sweet music (Wolfgang B schel, visiting Algarve coast, Portugal, Oct 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST) We had a report recently of AIR in Burmese (gh, DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING DRM: see CZECH REPUBLIC; USA [non]; UNID 5990

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

THE ONGOING SAGA OF CABLE TV NOISE, PART III:

I'll not bore you with all of what has gone before, but for those who have an interest, I thought an update was in order. This is all about extreme radiated interference from the cable TV coax which is seriously affecting reception on MW and doing even more harm on LW.

Having identified the problem noise as emanating from the cable TV coax, a service call placed on 10/2 resulted in a repairman being dispatched on 10/4. That repairman found my contentions to be

unbelievable but did acknowledge he detected noise on the cable. He submitted a work request to maintenance who would be out to fix the problem in 7 to 10 days. Something somewhere within the cable system with which he was not qualified to tinker, I had to presume.

And there the battle with Them began. There have been repeated calls to Adelphia Cable TV following the promise by the first technician. No one came out in the 7 to 10 days. Three times since, I was promised a maintenance supervisor would at least call and explain what was being done, no one has ever called. Each time I call, the first thing I am told is that they are working on buying my cable. Each time I have had to explain that isn't what this is about. Finally, following a tirade yesterday, I was promised another technician who could deal with the problem would be dispatched today between 1 and 5.

At 11:30 the cable guy showed up. Early is way better than not at all, I thought. It turned out this guy was a contract cable installer, not even a repairman with test gear. He had been told he was to finish a partially completed installation. Amongst my complaints all along has been that some of the existing coax has been here for over 25 years; hardly an incomplete installation issue. When I explained the real problem, which no one had hinted at before dispatching him, he told me I was wrong. When I demonstrated the noise, he said that's just the way it works. "Do you think they would have built it that way if that wasn't the way it should be?" he asked. Certainly a type of logic with which it is hard to argue. His expertise reminded me of the news media, what they believe is the way it is and facts have nothing to do with it. The discussion was less than cordial.

However, he gets paid for installing cable, so when I suggested that at a minimum the old cable needed to be replaced, that did not meet with similar ridicule. He set about reconnecting the ground block, replacing the splitter and fittings, replacing the old coax from the back to front of the house -- carefully routed away from my antennas, but on other pretexts -- and replacing the connectors on the cable drop from the utility pole. The quality of my cable TV reception -- especially on lower channels -- was markedly improved.

The noise was down to previous observed minimums. He left explaining to me how the problem had been the old coax, conveniently forgetting his explanation that it was "just the way it works," when he started...whatever.

A couple hours later, as has happened at different times on a daily basis, the lull in the noise that had come at just the perfect time to deceive me into believing progress had been made, came to an abrupt end, and the noise was back as bad as ever before.

Now confident that customer service will never get past sending out people who can't deal with whatever the problem really is, I decided to take it up a notch.

This afternoon I sent an email to the FCC Complaints department briefly describing my problem of cable TV interfering with AM broadcast radio. I explained I had been unable to convince Adelphia Cable they had a problem. On the email, I copied the only Adelphia Cable executive I could find with a listed email address, the VP of Corporate Communications. I also copied the Boca Raton City Manager, since the city franchises the cable TV service monopoly to Adelphia.

The email copy to Adelphia has already bounced as undeliverable. In lieu of that, I included the text in a fill-in-the-blanks on-line problem reporting form and sent it off. I previously sent one of my complaints this way and did get a response, though it was just another customer service phone number, who eventually transferred me to the same incompetents I had been dealing with. At least they have the word somewhere within the Adelphia organization.

Adelphia is bankrupt or in receivership, whatever. This the result of their former corporate executives, who are now in federal prison, stealing from the company coffers for personal use. The company itself is on the block to be broken up and sold to other monopoly operators. Maybe their familiarity with the feds will inspire the current crop of executives, assuming this ever results in anything.

Truthfully I have little faith any of this will make the slightest difference. After allowing a reasonable period for responses -- of which, quite frankly I expect none -- I'll take the next step and demand the problem be fixed or the cable removed. I don't want to go to satellite, but as things stand now, if this is the way cable TV is, I can't put up with the noise. I suspect they will gladly lose me as a customer.

The only problem with making the ultimate threat is that my neighbor has cable TV too, and it runs as close to my antennas as does my own - closer now that my cable has been rerouted. So even if I have my cable TV removed, it might make no difference in the level of noise with which I would have to contend. I just wouldn't have cable any more.

We'll see...

Oh, and by the way, as a part of my campaign on this problem, I insisted my DSL service was being interfered with by the same cable TV noise. I could hear it on the line and when the noise was at its worst, I had no DSL service. The phone company, amongst others, poo-

pooed the idea -- can't possibly happen, never heard of such a thing before, etc. -- but they did replace what tested as a marginal circuit from my house to the main junction box. My DSL service has been much more reliable since. Even though, each time the cable TV noise kicks in, my DSL modem looses synch. In the past it couldn't recover and DSL would be out until the cable noise subsided. I suspect the balanced phone circuit was not so well balanced and common mode noise was not being rejected as it should. Now with the improved circuit, after a minute or so the DSL modem seems to recover from the initial noise spike and the Internet connection is restored. This was something else that couldn't possibly be happening, according to the cable TV guy and the phone company guy...but it sure as hell was and to a lesser extent still is.

God save us from the experts...and the cable company! So far the hero in all this is the phone company. How weird is that? (W. Curt Deegan, Boca Raton, (southeast) Florida, Oct 26, IRCA via DXLD)

To make a long story short, I am aware of how a ham operator solved a similar situation. Not me, by the way. He connected his 2 meter linear amp to the incoming cable connection and went key down for a minute or so. I understand it killed the cable service for a couple blocks around totally. They fixed it, and the noise came back. He did it again. Same thing. The third time they replaced pretty much all of the physical plant, and the noise went away. Amazing what a little(?) unexpected RF can do. He estimated he put a few hundred watts back into the system at 144 MHz (Craig Healy, Providence, RI, ibid.)

Thanks, Craig, When it comes to dealing with the cable TV company, all suggestions are worth consideration. Now, do you suppose a ham license would be required for that application of a transmitter? Since I've already written the FCC, maybe that would cover it. :-\ (W. Curt Deegan Boca Raton, (southeast) Florida, ibid.)

Then the question becomes whether the cable system operators ever become bright enough to cross-check their customer list against a list of hams. Which of course proves basically nothing. Gives a whole new meaning to the term "return loss" hi Tnx for sharing (Bob Foxworth, Tampa, ibid.)

I'm not sure they even would have considered that as a cause. That's a pretty obscure thing to even have on the "Problems" list. Lightning? Cross-connected AC power? Maybe. RF rammed back up the line? Nah. They aren't that bright. Probably don't even know what a "ham" is. If they don't understand noise, then they are just plier jockeys (Craig Healy, Providence, RI, ibid.)

Not weird at all. Phone company sounds straight. Adelphia another 90s

SleazeBiz operating on time-honored principle of Spittle Down Griftonomics.

'That's the way it works' vapid reply typical of loser cash-vacuum Korpseorations. Lie, deny, shift blame all standard customer slurvice tactics blatting forth from herpetic faetorous pie-holes of these dissembling dingbat sociopaths. But didn't you display a meisterstuck of genius by redirecting Mr. Glib CableGuy to do his job? Brilliant.

A nice Certified US Mail letter w/General Mail backup copy lets them know you're sincere. City & FCC need to know these jokers dumping electro-vomit where it doesn't belong - in spectrum vital to protection of life & property. Any ix to V/UHF public safety freqs? That will get someone's attention fast.

As you say, if all else fails, cut the bums off. Getting off their system may end noise problem. Trash them on http://www.ripoffreport.com among other fine sites to advise others on how better to invest their money and avoid harmful ix.

These Vomitbags of Avarice really need to know the 90s are in fact over. At least that marauding family who ran Adelphia are safely locked away. Last report, singing soprano in Leavenworth's renowned Ottis Elwood Toole Memorial Men's Shower Chorale. z

Craig - Thank you for sharing magnificent tip for proactive noise suppression. Sounds like great way to use BigKorpseorate 'that's the way works' philosophy against them. Call it Electro-Judo? Forward-Power Karma? Given 'make it other guy's fault' training, cable techs probably attributed third time around fix to 'some bug inna system'. Beautiful. KWM-2A & Icom 2000 here glowing ever more brightly in light of their new and most practical uses. Dr. Zecchino (P.V. Zecchino, T.D., Manacablefree Key, FL, ibid.)

``When it comes to dealing with the cable TV company, all suggestions are worth consideration.``

Now, now. I'm not openly advocating any such thing. Merely passing along an amusing anecdote as to how one chap approached it. (bigwideevilgrin)

``Now, do you suppose a ham license would be required for that application of a transmitter? Since I've already written the FCC, maybe that would cover it. :-\``

One of the good things about equipment is that it requires no license to buy, unlike guns. However, it would take a good number of hundred dollar bills to get the boxes in the door, and then without a license, they'd end up as simply closet fodder.

<serious mode>

I think you've approached this correctly by writing and documenting all this. Having the local government in the loop is smart. The FCC Part 15 regs will have some bearing, as will the original cable authorization contract. It may be hard, but if you can find a copy of that agreement there may be language in there on interference problem resolution. You certainly could hold their feet to the fire with it.

</serious mode> (Craig Healy, Providence, RI, ibid.)

Don Curtino - You notice any ix to V/UHF aviation freqs? Cable systems at one time used/still use these to transmit TV channels. When cable installed in RI years ago - after two decades court squabbling by rival Mob factions - this was big issue. If so, maybe nice letter to FAA will get results. Friend at FCC long said FAA even more zealous than FCC - back when they weren't for sale cheap. Worth a try? Dr. Zecchino (PV Zecchino, T.D. Manasoviet Key, Fl, ibid.)

PROPAGATION ++++++

The geomagnetic field ranged from quiet to active levels at middle latitudes, while high latitudes experienced quiet to major storm conditions. The period began under the tail end of a coronal hole high speed stream. Solar wind speed at ACE was decreasing from a high around 525 km/s while the IMF Bz did not vary much beyond +/- 5 nT. As a result, the geomagnetic field was at quiet to unsettled levels. Wind speed continued to decrease to a low of approximately 300 km/s midday on 27 October. Late on the 27th, density, temperature and wind speed increased, all indicative of a co-rotating interaction region in advance of a coronal hole high speed stream. Early on 28 October, the IMF Bz began fluctuating between +/- 10 nT and by the end of 28 October, the geomagnetic field had responded with unsettled to active conditions at middle latitudes, and active to major storm conditions at high latitudes. By the end of the summary period, wind speed increased to near 600 km/s and the geomagnetic field remained at similar storm levels.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 01 - 27 NOVEMBER 2006

Solar activity is expected to be at very low to low levels. No greater than 10 MeV proton events are expected. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at high levels on 01 \tilde{n} 03 November, 10 \tilde{n} 23 November, and 25 \tilde{n} 26 November.

The geomagnetic field is expected to be mostly quiet to unsettled for the majority of the forecast period. Recurrent coronal hole high speed wind streams are expected to rotate into geoeffective positions on 09 \tilde{n} 11 November, 17 November, and again on 24 \tilde{n} 25 November. Unsettled to minor storm periods are possible on 09 \tilde{n} 11 November and 24 \tilde{n} 25 November, while unsettled to active levels are expected on 17 November.

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